

CLING TO OLD OBSERVANCE

People of Normandy Today, as for Centuries, Delight in Their Little Epiphany Cakes.

Norman cities and towns that have for centuries perpetuated their quaint observance of the Epiphany bake and eat their little cakes with joyful hearts. The custom is ancient and charming, an affair of children and colored lanterns parading the streets of ancient towns and singing an ancient song in piping voices; and where they go, well-disposed citizens open their doors and distribute cakes. Except in a few places the custom has gradually gone out, but here and there it continues, and carries with it the odd and interesting history of the Epiphany cakes. French bakers and pastry cooks began making them at least as long ago as 1700, and in those days the family that bought a cake ate of it and gave part of it to the children when they came singing the song that has now become ancient. In 1713 says the record, there was great dispute between the bakers and the pastry cooks as to which had the right to bake the Epiphany cakes; the grave question was taken to the parliament of Paris, which, after proper deliberation, decided in favor of the pastry cooks. In 1740, one does not know why, the privilege was taken away from the pastry cooks and given the bakers. Then in the time of the first republic the festival was abolished; a decree of the seventeenth Nivose, year II, by which the revolutionary determination for change designated January 6, 1794, declared that the custom commemorated the memory of the "last tyrant," Louis XVI. In 1801 the festival and the cakes were legally restored, and so the custom comes down, here and there, into the twentieth century.

SEES BACK OF THE CLOUDS

Uncle Hiram Refuses to Be Downhearted Because the Weather Is Not Just Right.

"Yes, this is a lovely day," my gloomy friend says to me, looking out at the dark, lowering clouds and the steadily falling rain, and meaning, of course, exactly the opposite of what he says; but then, said Uncle Hiram, I say to him:

"Well, we've been having lots of beautiful weather, haven't we?" and that is really the way it strikes me. "Sold, dark, rainy days don't worry me a bit; not the least little bit. On such days I recall the bright sunny days that have gone before, and dwell on them. In fact I store up out of them enough sunshine to last me through a longer period of stormy weather than any I have ever met yet. As I look out of my window at the present moment why, back of the clouds that to my gloomy friend seem so dark and dismal I can see the white fleecy clouds of yesterday and the blue sky and the bright sunshine and I know that we shall actually have all those things again soon. There never was a storm yet but what cleared off some time, was there? Never! And this one will be gone before you know it."

As a matter of fact, I like weather, it doesn't disturb me, not a bit; it's just an appetizer for the bright days that I know are sure to come.

First American Composer.

Judge Francis Hopkinson, signer of the Declaration of Independence, jurist, inventor, artist, poet, essayist, scholar, organist, composer and first graduate of the class of 1757 of the University of Pennsylvania, is known as the first American composer. Judge Hopkinson was especially noted as a composer of fetching songs for the harpsichord. In 1788 he published seven songs dedicated to his friend, George Washington. In the quaint fashion of his day, he wrote: "However small the Reputation may be that I derive from this Work, I cannot, I believe, be refused the Credit of being the first Native of the United States who has produced a Musical Composition. If this attempt be not too severely treated, others may be encouraged to venture on a path yet untrodden in America, and the Arts in succession will take root and flourish among us."

One of the greatest blessings and sometimes one of the greatest worries is the telephone. But it is not always looked upon as a source of amusement—by trying the transmitter on various parts of the body even this is obtained.

If you put the transmitter on the chest and speak in the usual tones the listener will hear the message almost as clearly as if it were sent in the usual way.

Again, if the transmitter be pressed firmly against the kneecap the message is heard quite as distinctly, but it is only faintly audible if the transmitter be put to the heel.

Persia a Barren Land.

A large part of Persia is absolute desert. Much of the remainder is so scantily supplied with water that it is almost empty of human life. If Persia is imagined as chiefly a rich land of rose gardens, palms and nightingales the mental picture is fanciful in the extreme. No such vision is justified, even by the poets of Persia. The Rubaiyat has a good deal to say about roses, but it does not forget "the desert's dusty face" nor hide "the strip of herbage strown" which so narrowly "divides the desert and the sown."

MANY FELLOWS LIKE BROWN

And if More of Them Got the Shock He Did It Might Do Them a Lot of Good.

Brown was merry-making at the club members' reception, when he spied his former friend Summers, coming up the clubhouse steps. He reached nervously for his hat and cane.

"Not going so soon, Brown?" ejaculated another member, in surprise. "You're only just arrived; besides lunch is ready."

"I must go," announced Brown, keeping an eye on the door. "I've just thought of a pressing business engagement uptown I must keep."

"Fshaw! The fun has only started," deplored the other member. "And here comes Summers!"

"To tell the truth," whispered Brown, his nervousness increasing. "I don't fancy Summers. But that's a matter between Summers and me. I must go."

"Hello! Why, I thought you and he were the best of friends."

"We were formerly; but Summers isn't the same Summers to me now, and really I do not wish to meet him. I didn't want to come right out with it; that's why I gave the other excuse."

Summers now was shaking hands with one of the committee, and the discomfited Brown maneuvered toward the door.

"Summers played a mean game on me recently," he added, as his interested club fellow moved along with him, "and I can't forget it. In fact, it makes me averse to being in the same room with him. Until he has made ample apology for his ingratitude Summers and I are strangers. Perhaps now you understand. Good-by!"

But here the interloper, Summers, grasped Brown by the collar before he could escape by the street door.

"You slippery whelp!" exclaimed the angry Summers, jerking his late pal around. "I've been looking for you a week now. Come across with that hard-luck money you borrowed!"—Life.

FUTURE MOTHER OF HEROES

Small Girl, Brave After Operation, Defies the Encomiums of the Operating Surgeon.

"Now," said the surgeon, "look right over there in that corner, and maybe—maybe—there, it's all over, and you never knew what hurt you. Mr. but you are a brave girl."

At that moment the chubby little girl sitting atop the operating table—did not look very brave. Surprise was in her eyes and two great tears ready to roll down upon the marble slab, for the woman doctor, realizing that more than half the pain of the small operation which is the rule in the daily clinic at Mercy hospital, is due to the dread of it, had stolen a march on little Marie, and the operation was over before Marie knew it had begun.

"Yes," continued the kindly doctor, as she hid the shining blade behind her, "you are a mighty brave little girl. You aren't going to cry."

Marie blinked the tears back and straightened up her small body.

"Course not," she said, "I've four years old." And her big eyes gazed proudly into those of the surgeon.

"Here," said the doctor as she turned the small girl over to the nurse for outpatients, "is the future mother of heroes—American heroes."—Kansas City Star.

Remarkable Beetles.

The most remarkable gold beetles, however, are to be found in Central America, says London Answers. At first sight one would think the beetle an actual piece of gold, until it moves. The head and wing cases are brilliantly polished with a luster like pure gold. It is very strange, too, that silver beetles exist in the same country.

About twenty-five years ago the finest collection of gold and silver beetles was owned by the Hon. Walter Rothschild. They then had a market value ranging from \$25 to \$75 each.

While on the subject of beetles, it is perhaps interesting to recall that in the days gone by a "beetle crusher" was a prosperous occupation. Men used to sign contracts to go from house to house killing beetles, but it is not recorded that they ever came across any gold or silver ones.

Saying that I cannot choose any subject of great utility or pleasure, because my predecessors have already taken as their own all useful and necessary themes, I will do like one who, because of his poverty, is the last to arrive at the fair, and not being able otherwise to provide himself, chooses all the things which others have already looked over and not taken, but refused as being of little value. With these despised and rejected wares—the leavings of many buyers—I will load my course, distributing, not, indeed, amid the great cities, but among the mean hamlets, and taking such rewards as befits the things I offer.—Leonardo da Vinci.

Not His Own Words.

The hoary-headed examiner glanced over the top of his spectacles. "Are you sure," he inquired, "that this is a purely original composition you have handed in?"

"Yes, sir," came the answer. "But you may possibly, sir, have come across one or two words in the dictionary."—Blighty.

Few Fat Men Famed.

Fat and fame have not very often been combined, perhaps because stout men are generally inclined to be easy going, and therefore lacking in that push which brings a man to the fore, says London Answers. The only great statesman one can recall who was really a fat man was Charles James Fox, as can be seen even by his effigy in the palace of Westminster, where he would make three of his great rival, Pitt the younger.

Vanadium Highly Important.

For the latest types of engineering works, such as airplanes, submarines, torpedoes and similar work, the possession of a material of high resistance to stresses of all kinds enables some of the most difficult elements of the work to be solved. While the application of vanadium to steel does this, and thus constitutes at present its most important use, it has also a marked influence upon cast iron and upon copper.

Something Almost as Good.

My niece, being an only child, wanted a baby brother. Two of her playmates had baby brothers. About three weeks ago a boy cousin of hers was born. After visiting her playmate Mildred's new brother, she came home and told her mother about it, saying, "Mildred has a new baby brother, and Mildred said to me you haven't a baby brother and I said I have, too; I have a new cousin brother, haven't I, mother?"—Chicago Tribune.

Town Without Streets.

The smallest dependency of France is the Ile d'Hoedie, situated at the east of Belle Isle. Its population is 238, and the people do not speak French, but Celtic. Fishing is the principal industry, and all the inhabitants are provided with food at an inn managed by women. The town has no streets and the houses are mostly of mud.

Don't Choose the Easy Way.

It is well for young people to choose the life work which accords with their tastes and qualifications, but never make the mistake of supposing that any work will be altogether pleasant. There is no occupation without some drudgery. There is no success without sacrifice. You will never do anything of consequence without doing something you do not like.—Grit.

Patriarchal Yew.

An enormous yew is attained by some trees—notably yews. At Fountains' abbey, Yorkshire, the yew trees were old in 1132. California has a very ancient tree in Mariposa grove. Baobab trees of Africa have been computed to be more than 5,000 years old, and a deciduous cypress at Chapultepec is still older.

A Lucky Throw.

I awoke one night just in time to see a man getting out of my window. I picked up an ink bottle, the only thing handy, and threw it at him. It was a lucky throw, for, although it didn't hit him, it struck the window and splattered him liberally with red ink, which identified him later.—Chicago Tribune.

Where She Caught It.

Little Mildred had often been told that she had hair and eyes just like her mother's. One day she was playing on the street when a lady spoke to her and remarked pleasantly: "What pretty red hair you have." "Yes," glibly answered Mildred, "I caught it from mother."

Never Satisfied.

Grandfather had come to visit at little Harriet's home, in Franklin. The four-year-old was very much interested in watching him removing a replacing his false teeth. One day she said to her mother: "I wish I had teeth like grandpa's. I don't like the kind that's sewed in."—Indianapolis News.

Making Haste Slowly.

There is something extremely fascinating in quickness; and most men are desirous of appearing quick. The great rule for becoming so is by not attempting to appear quicker than you really are; by resolving to understand yourself and others, and to know what you mean, and what they mean before you speak or answer. Every man must submit to be slow before he is quick and insignificant before he is important.—Sydney Smith.

Albinos.

The term "albino" was originally applied by the Portuguese to negroes found on the coast of Africa, who were marked with white spots. Now an albino is defined as a person having a congenital deficiency of pigments of the skin, hair and eyes. Albinos occur among all races of men; in extreme cases they have a skin of a milky color, extremely light hair, and eyes with a deep red pupil with pink or blue iris.

Peculiar African Reptile.

The gaboon viper ranges over the whole of tropical Africa. The body is exceedingly thick, subtailed, with a huge, spade-shaped head. Instead of progressing in ordinary fashion, this reptile throws forward lateral loops of the body and moves along in an oblique direction to that in which the head is pointing. A captive specimen displayed the trait of striking backwards.

Walk That Tells Character.

A peculiar walk is that of the long stride with the decided swing of the shoulders. This walk is generally to be seen in authors, actors and artists, and is characteristic of the art world. The man who has ideas of his own, and is quite untrammelled by convention. It denotes independence and, if accompanied by an emphatic planting down of the left foot, a stamp in fact, resolution and determination.

Needs to Be Shown.

A Missouri merchant advertises: "This week we offer a choice lot of draperies, cretonnes and some heavier stuff for making kimonoes of. I don't know what a kimono is, but that's what it's for, anyhow."—Boston Transcript.

Talker Defined.

"Is Mrs. Gadder a brilliant conversationalist?" "Not brilliant, but tireless. She's one of those 'first-and-third-person' talkers." "How's that?" "I said" and "she said."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Extravagance.

Bridge Player (to partner who is playing worse even than usually)—"Whenever I have you for a partner, Smyth, I feel I'm living beyond my means."

More Man.

Another reason why a salesgirl thinks a "shopper hasn't got any sense is because he is willing to buy a collar button without trying it on."—Dallas News.

What's the Benefit?

The tread of an English inventor's automobile tire contains numerous small pieces of steel, so inserted in the rubber that the latter does not touch the ground.

You Know What He Wanted.

When his father asked Charles what he wanted for his third birthday, he said: "Oh, one of those horses, you know, that keeps on a-go-in' but never gets anywhere."

Siam Musical Scale.

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(The Pittsburg Leader, Jan. 12, 1920.)
GAS BOOM EXTENDING FROM MCKEESPORT FIELD TO WEST NEWTON DIST.

West Newton, Pa., Jan. 12.—Further developments in the McKeesport gas field are causing the gas fever here to rise rapidly. Great activity in buying leases is under way. Several large oil and gas concerns are paying land owners from \$1 to \$100 an acre, besides letting them retain one-eighth royalty interests, for the right to drill on their property.

Although drilling is not actually in progress preparations to sink wells have been made on several sites, and the only delay in starting is the difficulty in getting necessary equipment. Property which a short time ago was not considered especially valuable is now being sought. Benjamin Clawson a few years ago bought 10 acres of hillside, of which the coal rights were reserved, near Coal Hollow, one-half mile from here, for \$75. This week he leased the 10 acres to the Philadelphia Gas company, receiving besides an eight interest in any gas or oil field, a bonus of \$1,000.

A young man here who married a girl from this section at the same time married into a share in a gas bonus for \$1,400. The bride was an heir to some property, part of which was land. Although other heirs took cash for their portion she accepted two lots. This week a big company leased them for \$1,400.

The gas fever is extending to Rosetraver and South Huntington townships. If the McKeesport developments extend this way the whole section is expected to boom.

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THE EXEMPTION FOR DEPENDENTS.

In order to clear away misunderstanding as to what constitutes dependency in connection with the additional exemption granted Income Tax payers, Collector of Internal Revenue, C. G. Lewellyn, today gave out the following statement.

"For 1919 a taxpayer may be allowed a credit of \$200 for each person for whom he is the chief support that he can claim this additional exemption only with respect to children seventeen years of age or younger and persons mentally defective, cripples, and persons old enough to be without question physically incapacitated for self support.

If the taxpayer contributes to the support of some relatives or other person who is over seventeen years of age, in fair health, and still active he cannot be allowed the additional \$200 even if he is furnishing the chief support.

The very different requirements of the two exemptions ("head of family" additional \$1000; "dependent" additional \$200 must not be confused. To be the "head of a family" the person whom he supports must be a close relative, must live with him, and he must be such relative's sole support. To be entitled to exemption for "dependent" the person whom he supports does not have to be a relative, but can be any child or any cripple or defective; the child or incapacitated adult may live anywhere; and it is necessary that he furnish only more than half of the support.

The chief difference is that for "head of a family" the restriction is to close relatives, the evident object of which is to promote the home; for "dependent" the restriction is to children under eighteen years of age or persons mentally or physically defective, the object of which is to recognize material assistance given to those who cannot help themselves.

A son, who has left home, but who still sends to his mother more than half of her support with enough regularity that she may depend upon it, can be allowed the additional \$200; provided however that the mother has become sufficiently aged to be without doubt physically incapacitated for self support. Otherwise, the amount contributed must be considered as a gift, not deductible as an expense and not entitling him to the additional exemption regardless of amount.

A father may claim the exemption for every child under eighteen years of age. But if one of his children receives, from some estate or otherwise sufficient distributed income to provide for the expense of his support in the station of life in which he is placed, the father cannot claim exemption with respect to that child, for although the child is legally dependent upon him he is in fact financially independent."

GOVERNMENT ELK HERDS

Some of the season's best sport with a gun was found in southern Montana, where about 5000 elk have been killed and thousands of others wounded, but it was sport of more than a questionable character. These elk were from government herds, wandering north out of the Yellowstone Park reservation. Every year the elk go north or south to escape the heavy snow drifts of the Yellowstone and thus stray over the border. Wyoming has protected the wandering elk by establishing game preserves on the south, but Montana has declined to do this on the north, permitting, moreover, an open season from October 15 to Christmas and allowing a single hunter to bag two elk. In this way most of these animals found straying across the boundary are soon shot down or later die in the woods from wounds. This severe winter the elk have been brought to death by hunger as well as by the hunter and there is fear of their extinction.

The feeding farm in the Yellowstone reservation formerly took care of 4000 elk. This winter the hard-pressed animals have crowded to the feed trough in such numbers that the stores of hay were soon exhausted. The Park superintendent has spent

\$20,000 on an extra supply of hay, yet more is needed and, as public funds are short, private contributions are solicited. A thousand tons of hay are needed to feed the ten thousand elk that must now be cared for. In summer the elk subsist largely on tender leaves and shrubs, while in winter they crowd up to receive the government's hay. This interesting creature is one of the largest of the deer family, being about six feet in height at full growth and sometimes weighing 1200 pounds. That the straying herds should be protected from both pothunter and sportsman goes without saying.

CRITICISM OF THE ROUND-UP

Criticism of "the round-up of the Reds" comes mostly from radical organizations and press. A statement issued from the headquarters of the Socialist party characterizes the arrests throughout the country as "the blow yet struck at the permanence of American institutions," a policy which "will place the United States in the forefront of reactionary nations." Of course such utterances will be read in the light from their source and be discounted accordingly. But there are other complaints submitting that some of those caught in the dragnet were well known American citizens and that at least one was an honorably discharged American soldier. If so, they have paid the penalty of being in bad company, and that such errors as may have been made will be corrected appears from several reports of release after arrest.

The Springfield Republican thinks the danger is too small to justify such drastic measures, declaring that the Reds haven't the ghost of a chance to overturn our government or industrial system if our people will be calm and refuse to be frightened, and observing that Red conspiracies "are worth unearthing but are not worth anything else." Though there is point in this, our State Department's revelations of Bolshevik plans to subvert all governments clearly show the wisdom of taking time by the forelock.

THE NEXT PRESIDENT

The people of the United States want a man with a business head for the next President.

If this nation is going to endure they must have a practical man with hard common sense for Chief Executive.

Don't fool yourself on that score. It is going to be a pretty hard job for the best man this nation may produce to pull the country out of the present mess of governmental incompetency and rank extravagance.

We cannot go on spending millions and collecting war taxes to pay the interest on war bonds that are issued to pay the interest on other war bonds. There must be a stop.

People must economize. But the government must do that very thing first.

And the man who takes up the Presidency must be a business man who knows what a day's work is, not a theorist. There is a constantly growing sentiment in that direction.—Houghton (Mich.) Gazette.

A Chicago girl employed in a hotel in Chicago has declared she received \$25,000 in tips in one year, which she was compelled to hand over to a syndicate which had the privileges. If that is true it is about time for the people to demand an abolition of this form of blackmail, which has been growing worse and worse from year to year.

While the league of nations appears to be functioning without the help of the United States, there does not appear to be much chance of us getting into the circle for some time yet. The treaty has a long road to travel before it is finally approved. And then it will be Americanized before it is approved.

There is much which the street refers to as bunk in this leap year proposal business. Every one must know as much. Certainly the young women of marriageable age and the inclination are aware of it. They have the same rights in any other year they have in leap years.

Admiral Sims appears to have stirred up a hornet's nest in the navy department in his letter on constructive criticism. Anyhow, he says he was told by a "high official" that he, the said official, would just as leave fight Great Britain as Germany. Wonder who that official was?

This is Thrift Week, and it is well to remember that saving is a sure income. And everybody is inclined, and with a job, or a position, ought to be able to save something each week.

World Has Many Lepers.

Neither geography, climate, diet, heredity nor any other known influence sufficiently explains the cause, the distribution or the behavior of leprosy. There is no discovered certain cure for it, and the cases of complete recovery, if there have been such, are rare. To most Americans it is happily only a name made familiar by Biblical mention or by reports of missionaries to far-off lands; and the estimate that there are 2,000,000 of these hopeless sufferers in the world comes to many people as a surprise.—Hochester Post-Express.

Ancients Had Much Wisdom.

A great civilization flourished in the valley of the Nile some three thousand years B. C. These Egyptians worshiped the dung beetle, the scarabaeus, possibly recognizing its scavenging powers. The well of Joseph, near the great pyramid, is excavated through nearly three hundred feet of solid rock. The ancient Hebrews were the founders of real public health. The laws of Moses, who was born about 1600 B. C., the first hygienic code known, apply about as well today as when first promulgated.

Kept Ignominy in Memory.

On the 5th of November, in 1500, Christopher Columbus, in spite of the inestimable services he had rendered to Spain, was taken into Cadiz in fetters. King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella were moved at the sight and commanded that he be released. Columbus, however, was unable to forgive the insult, and until the time of his death the ignominious fetters were hung in full sight on his walls as a reminder of the ingratitude of his sovereigns.

Persia Sparsely Peopled.

It is easy to overrate the land of Darius and Cyrus Amar, and Hanz. For Persia has not nearly as many inhabitants as Mexico. Estimates differ widely and there has never been a real census, but it is possible that in a territory equal to France, Germany, the British Isles and Italy all taken together, the population does not exceed that of little Belgium. In area Persia is more than 15 times as big as Ohio, but it contains fewer than twice as many people.

Famous American Patriot.

In 1832, on the 14th of November, Charles Carroll, the last surviving signer of the Declaration of Independence, died at the age of ninety-six. He studied law in France and England and returned to America at the age of twenty-seven, where he soon became known as an able political writer and a strong advocate of liberty. Twenty-two years before his death he retired to private life.

Christian Era.

The Christian era was not adopted as a means of reckoning time until several centuries after Christ's time. An error was made in the reckoning then and it is now agreed that the time assigned for the birth of Christ was at least four years out of the way; that is, according to the accepted reckoning, Jesus was born in the year 4 B. C.

A neighbor woman's idea of tolerance is to say with a curious emphasis which leaves the impression that she is open to conviction on the subject: "Oh, well, I don't suppose the girl's actually bad."—Ohio State Journal.

Persevering.

John was at his aunt's house for dinner. She grew alarmed because he was eating so many pancakes. She said: "Do you like them, dear?" He replied: "No, ma'am; I'm only waiting for a good one."

Preventive.

"Don't tell me that worry doesn't do any good," said Mrs. Frett. "I know better. The things I worry about don't happen."—Boston Transcript.

Chinese Taught Courtesy.

Every Chinese child, rich or poor, is carefully taught how to address his parents, his superiors, his fellows and his inferiors with fitting courtesy.

The acoustic properties of a Detroit church have been improved by the use of a plate glass sounding board suspended over the pulpit.

Sign of Equality.

Parallel lines of equal length as the sign of equality were first adopted by Robert Records, who wrote a book on algebra in 1557.

Cause of Failure.

Failure is not often the result of making a mistake now and then. It is usually the consequence of making the same mistake repeatedly.

Laws and Reforms.

Laws do not make reforms, reforms make laws.—Calvin Coolidge.

Something New.

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Or, if you prefer another analysis: "Chip! Chip! Chee-chee-chee!"

So the Dickcissel has a distinct trill of his own—something that no other bird can imitate or rival. Sometimes we think Dick is a bit proud of it, too, for he lines the railway right of way clear across the middle western and plains states in such numbers his song is ever in our ears while you are traveling.

The Dickcissel was formerly called the black-throated bunting and is a very beautiful creature as well as very useful. He is mostly of a rich yellow hue, with a black throat—but nobody need identify him by his dress for his song is inimitable. In our experience we never heard any of the mocking birds attempt to imitate the "Chip! Chip! Chee-chee-chee!" of the hot-weather friend.

He is really a salamander of the air, too, for he is late in arriving and early in departing, and does his best vocal stunts when you and I are gasping beneath an electric fan. He eats lots of bugs and weed seeds and is a mighty good citizen.—Omaha World-Herald.

POETS BRAVE FIGHTING MEN

Writers of Deathless Lines Also Won Immortality on the Bloody Fields of Battle.

What power have the sacred Nine over their loved ones to make poets take to war?

Sidney, writer of deathless lines, died a gallant soldier.

Dante defended his tenets in arms. Byron contracted a mortal fever helping to free Greece from her tyranny, and Burns was a member of Scotch dragoons, with no opportunity arising for heroics that marked him a soldier. He was, however, valiant, and left what is probably the greatest war poem in all poetry, "Scots Wha Hae W" Wallace Bled!"

And now out of the great defenders of humanity in the war just being straightened out comes D'Annunzio, Italy's bard, fighting the fight of a captain who will hold out "if it lasts all summer!"

Joyce Kilmer sleeps in France. Allan Seeger is proud "a few brave drops were ours."

And Robert Service was at the front bringing in the mangled, and has given us a poem in his "Rhymes of a Red Cross Man," entitled "Grand Pere," that will make the bravest shudder.

O, ye, who called the land to arms, ye hypocrites that gave an outburst of fine fire with your pens, ridden with shame and bow a humble head to these who, as Edwin Markham says, "fought the poetry they sang."—Milwaukee Sentinel.

Land Question in Chile.

The land question, particularly as it relates to the Indians, has of late been receiving attention from those interested in the future of Chile. The tendency has been to take every advantage of these natives, who, despite the many handicaps that official and unofficial greed have placed in their way, are admitted to be making substantial progress. They have, as might have been expected, shown themselves particularly proficient in agriculture and cattle breeding. Crying evils in the administration of the lands have been pointed out in the public press, but as yet the authorities do not seem to be sufficiently interested in remedying a state of affairs that does much to alienate the sympathies of an important, if subordinate, part of the population.

While the members of the Associated Mountaineering Clubs of North America are not all devoted to mountaineering, they have a common bond of interest in the preservation of American scenery and in the protection of plant and bird life in their natural environment. The association is co-operating with the national park service for the creation and development of national parks and "monuments." A fine collection of literature on mountaineering has been formed by the association at the New York public library and bibliographies are being compiled and published. When this organization was founded in 1918, it embraced nine clubs and societies. Now there were 29 and the aggregate membership is over 45,000.

Bombarding Sky With Names.

By means of new wireless invention it will be possible to project sounds into the air which will enable an aviator to know exactly where he is. For example, suppose he were passing over Calgary, from the moment he approached the region he would receive the message "This is Calgary" until he had left it behind him. And so on with all places over which he may pass. In this way his chances of losing his way will be considerably diminished.

SOLDIERS LIKED THE PRINCE

Heir to British Throne Fond of Mingling With the Fighters, When He Was Permitted.

In the front line, a Canadian soldier was building a fire one cold night of late autumn. Out of the night behind him came a footstep. He turned, and became doubly alert when he saw that the man was not an officer of his regiment. The visitor approached the blaze, laid his hands out over it and said:

"This fire certainly looks good to me."

The tone was pleasant enough, and suspicion was almost unaroused when the voice went on:

"Have you wood enough? If you haven't I'll get you some more."

The fire boulder felt some regret that any suspicion whatever remained, but there had been a special warning against strangers not of one's own regiment. In response to it he was about to question the newcomer closely, when an officer whom he did know came within the fire circle and addressed the stranger:

"Your royal highness, it is best that you return to the automobile at once."

And the prince of Wales reluctantly left the fire and returned to the place where he officially belonged. It was not the first time he had left that place of his own accord and gone forward among the men. The Canadian who tells the story learned afterward that the prince's staff had its hands full to keep him from breaking away from the official circle prescribed for him and mingling with the men on their own ground.

MUST HAVE ENVIED COMRADES

Pathetic Happening in English Court That Marked the Observance of Armistice Day.

The great clocks of London boomed out eleven strokes. The city became as silent as though it were a second Pompeii miraculously swept clean of its ashes. Motor cars and tram cars creaked to sudden stops. Policemen stood like graven blue images at their posts. Pedestrians doffed their hats and stood as though they had not known motion for centuries. It was Armistice day and the city was doing honor to those youths who had experienced the Great Adventure.

In a dingy courtroom a murder trial came to a sudden halt. Judge, counsel, witnesses and the prisoner stood, and for two minutes, with bowed head, did silent reverence to those poppy-wreathed graves of France. Before the prisoner flickered visions of that same France only one year before. He again saw the faces of comrades he had loved and whom he had watched in the throes of death. Incidents of that last desperate sprint across No Man's Land, with death on every side, came back to him. Again he heard the shout with which the trenches had greeted the armistice. He had come safely through, and now—

The two minutes ended. The city came out of its trance. The somber voice of the judge resumed—"and shall hang by the neck until dead."

Poison Gas to Fight Squirrels.

Experiments in the use of poison gas in exterminating grain-eating ground squirrels are under way, according to a report of the county horticultural commission to the Los Angeles board of supervisors.

At the same time it was announced that Los Angeles county has sold its surplus stock of saccharine and strychnine to Orange county in order that the neighboring county can join in the campaign being waged against the destructive ground squirrels.

According to Horticultural Commissioner Ryan, the use of poison gas is necessary at this time because the squirrels, which have been practically eliminated from the worst affected regions in the county by the use of poisons during the past few months, fail to eat the poison at this time, preferring the new vegetable growth.

The proposal to establish an extensive wild-bird preserve on the northern shore of Lake Erie is gaining wide favor in Canada. Something must be done at once, it is urged by bird lovers, to preserve the wild fowl and insectivorous birds, or they will become as extinct as the wild pigeon. There are strict game regulations in the province, but the establishment of a large preserve would assist the legislation. There is already a nucleus of the proposed area in Rondeau park, and it is planned to extend this along the lake shore west for 30 miles.

London Cats Victims of Plague.

The outbreak of a disease, which has many symptoms to influenza, is causing the death of cats by the hundred in London.

The disease is not thought to be communicable to human beings, but distinguished surgeons are unable to affirm the exact nature. It spreads with amazing rapidity, and the symptoms are said to resemble closely that of poisoning, except that death usually takes place within two days.

Plan Memorial for Poe.

Taking as its inspiration a suggestion of Blasco Ibanez, the Spanish novelist, the Bronx Society of Art and Science has decided to erect a memorial in honor of Edgar Allan Poe, whose cottage in Poe park, the Bronx, Ibanez visited the other day. The Spanish writer started the fund with a contribution of \$100.—New York Times.

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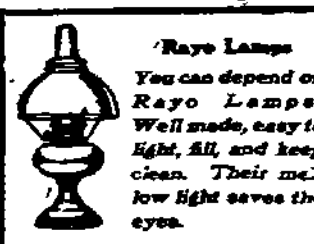
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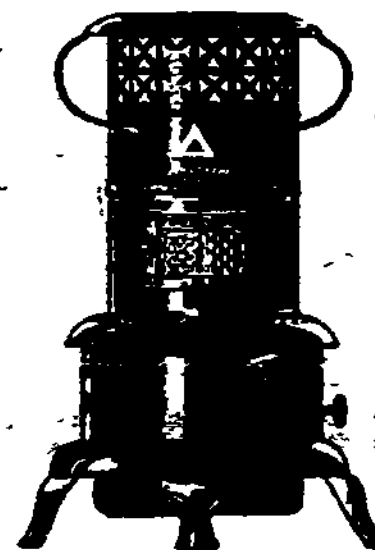
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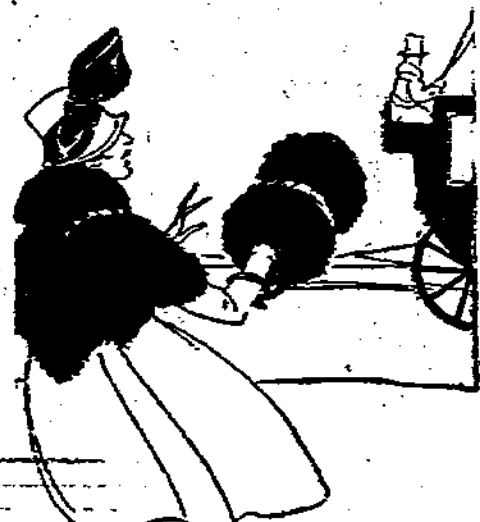
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"I consider Earle's Hypo-Cod a most valuable preparation and can readily understand why so many people are obtaining beneficial results from its use. It is a most meritorious preparation." Signed E. E. Early, Ph. G.

The above statement indicates the splendid character of Earle's Hypo-Cod and the almost universal endorsement given it by the profession. It indicates the reason for glowing tributes paid it by the public, from whom a vast number of testimonials have been secured.

Being made of the finest ingredients in one of America's largest and finest laboratories, every bottle bearing the Earle Chemical Co. name, no one need hesitate a moment before using it themselves in the family. Read what users say regarding it on the right and below. Then come down and get a bottle at Hennings' Drug Store.

CIRCUS STAR INDORSES IT

Declares Hypo-Cod Keeps Her In Splendid Physical Condition.

APPETITE AND NERVES USED TO BE VERY BAD

"Eva Loos, the Star of John Robinson's Circus and famed almost everywhere for her startling and brilliant tight-rope act and other features, declares she keeps her appetite, strength, nervous system and physical condition perfect through the use of Earle's Hypo-Cod. Read what she says below. Then if run-down or overworked, nervous and bothered about yourself, take her advice."

"I was in a general broken-down condition and so nervous and out of sorts I was almost compelled to give up when a friend happily told me about Hypo-Cod. It is a wonderfully nice and good tonic. I now have an enormous appetite and am full of energy. I sleep better than I have in months and my nerves are splendid. I feel like eating five times a day and it surely is great to be yourself, and to everyone run down I say—Take a bottle or two of Hypo-Cod. It builds you up," continued Miss Eva Loos.

Read what others in poor health on the right have to say about Hypo-Cod. Then come down to the Hennings' Drug Store and procure a bottle of the genuine Earle's Hypo-Cod.

ANOTHER EXPERT SAYS HYPO-COD IS SPLENDID

Indorsed by Physicians—A Medicine of Great Merit. Preferable to Other Kinds of Tonics.

"What the eminent J. Henry Scruggs, Ph. G. P. D., says with regard to Earle's Hypo-Cod is given below and confirms what E. E. Early (Professor of Chemistry) says in the article on the left. It surely indicates that anyone run-down, weak, nervous, thin, pale, under-weight, can quickly rebuild their system and health. Read what he says:

"After carefully examining the preparation known to the public as Earle's Tasteless Hypo-Cod and carefully watching the results of several cases in which it was used, it is in my opinion, absolutely the best Cod Liver Oil preparation on the market," declares J. Henry Scruggs, Ph. G. P. D., and he continues by saying:

"In Earle's Hypo-Cod I find an exceptionally efficient combination of the remedial extract of select cod liver oil freed entirely of the oil. This extract, which is a combination of Salts of Iodine, Bromine and Phosphorus, is combined and blended with the extracts of Malt and Wild Cherry Bark, Compound Syrup of Hypophosphites of Lime, Manganese, Potassium, Strychnine, Quinine and Sodium and Sherry Wine, making a very palatable and assimilable nerve nutrient, reconstructive tonic, stimulant, alternative, digestive and strength-creating tonic."

"Earle's Hypo-Cod is a valuable preparation which may be used in all cases where Cod Liver Oil is indicated and will be found effective in many cases where the latter cannot be readily retained by the stomach."

"It is preferable to all other preparations of Cod Liver Oil and it does not have that unpleasant fishy and nauseating taste. Its pleasant wine-like taste makes it agreeable to the most delicate stomach."

"I find this medicine one of great merit, which no doubt is the reason for its popularity. The formula is one that is endorsed by many of the best physicians in the United States today." Very truly yours, J. Henry Scruggs, Ph. G. P. D., (Graduate of the Atlanta College of Physicians and Surgeons).

If anyone after reading the above is still skeptical about what Earle's Hypo-Cod will do they should procure a bottle and submit to their own family physician.

Read below and on the left what others say about Hypo-Cod and then come down to Hennings' Drug Store and see how quickly a single bottle can start you on the road to robust, vigorous health.

BECAME NERVOUS, THIN AND IN POOR HEALTH—THOUGHT WAS ASTHMA OR CATARRH.

A SHORT HYPO-COD TREATMENT SIPPED IT

Among the scores whose statements will appear from time to time in the local papers from now on, the statement of Mrs. Perry Limbut, for 32 years a resident of Talmadge, Ohio, is of interest. She said:

"I suffered from Bronchial Asthma and continual coughing until I could not sleep at night and became just a wreck. I was thin, nervous and even my appetite and stomach became bad. Thank goodness I found a remedy at last and I think it simply wonderful. I bought a bottle and it has completely stopped my cough. I rest and sleep good nights and my stomach never bothers me now. My nerves were improved, too, and I feel stronger and better all over. Earle's Hypo-Cod deserves a world of credit and I recommend it to the sky," continued Mrs. Limbut, Talmadge, Ohio, (five miles from Akron).

For Bronchial, Catarrhal and kindred troubles, chronic coughs, chest soreness and nerves, stomach and blood, Earle's Hypo-Cod is recommended universally wherever it has been introduced and the largest druggists are featuring it.

Read what other users say about Earle's Hypo-Cod on the left, above and below, and then come down to Hennings' Drug Store and procure a bottle of the genuine, \$1.25 plus 5c war tax for large bottle.

SICK FOR YEARS, UNABLE TO WORK

Given Up—They Thought He Had Ulcerated Stomach—Pains After Eating

WAS GIVEN HYPO-COD GOES BACK TO WORK

"My husband had stomach trouble for two years and was in such a terrible condition he couldn't work," declared one of the happy wives who through Hypo-Cod successfully treated her husband.

"It was said he had ulcerations of the stomach. He began to decline and lose weight and just wasted away to a mere skeleton of his former self. He would have awful pains after eating and nothing did him any good, but since he began the use of Earle's Hypo-Cod I wish you could see the change. It is almost unbelievable. He started back to work, gained weight, began eating hearty meals, and looks and feels so much better we are all grateful beyond measure. What he eats gives him strength," continued Mrs. W. H. Lehman, 1235 Andrews St., Akron, Ohio.

When a person's system becomes so weak food no longer digests, food hurts you, you cannot sleep sound, lose weight and become nervous it is time to take a good strong tonic builder and tissue maker. Earle's Hypo-Cod seems much more powerful much quicker and has the endorsement of thousands. It is not a patent medicine. The formula appears upon the bottle. Read what others say above and on the left of this article. Then visit Hennings' Drug Store and procure a large bottle.

Makes Sure of Victim's Death.

Though the elephant's eyesight is poor, his hearing and sense of smell are acute, and he covers about 12 feet in one stride. When he grips his victim in his trunk he crushes him to the ground. Then, if he has tusks, he jabs great holes through his body. Whereat he kneels on his victim. Then he wheels ponderously and sits on the body, rolling his tremendous aviridupois back and forth, utterly squashing it. Finally he stamps on it, battering it into the ground.—Exchange.

Down on the Derby.

My cheeks grow so warm as I remember an occasion several years ago when my blushes almost burned me up. I went to church one Sunday evening with an escort who wore a stunning new derby hat. (Thank heaven those hats are almost relics now!) The congregation rose for the singing of the first hymn and at the close of the song there was a loud report. I had sat down upon that stunning new hat.—Exchange.

Tin Found in United States.

Deposits of tin ore are found in California, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, South Dakota, Washington, Nevada and New Mexico, but the ore at some of them contains so little tin that it cannot be mined with profit. Tin concentrate from Bolivia was handled at four tin-smelting plants in this country, which produced from it over 10,000 tons of metallic tin.

Pork in Olden Times.

Pork was the chief meat consumed in all countries in Europe down to the middle ages. Immense droves of pigs were kept by Charlemagne in his forest in the ninth century. In his "History of the Inquisition," published in 1812, Florentine states that in Spain

Alexandria Had First Museum.

The first museum was part of the palace of Alexandria, where learned men were maintained at the public cost, just as eminent public servants were in the tyrannum at Athens. Its foundation is attributed to Ptolemy Philadelphus about 280 B. C.

Early Hospitals.

Hospitals were founded in very early times in India, Persia and Arabia. They were for the most part supported by the kings. The Greeks maintained shelter houses for the sick, but the best institutions of this kind in ancient times were those of the Romans, which were actually endowed.

Stenog Among the Romans.

It is not generally known that stenography as a profession was followed as long ago as the days of the Roman empire. Poets, who are sometimes ridiculed nowadays for having private stenographers, had them in the fourth century of our era.

The One Exception.

At a dinner of the Builders' association the president gave a neat turn to one of his remarks. Said he: "A poor foundation will in the end cause the collapse of everything but scandal."—Boston Transcript.

AS TO ORIGIN OF WOMAN

After the Biblical Story, Belief Held by Persians Is Easily the Most Poetical.

A magazine writer consumes considerable space in trying to prove that it is wrong to teach that woman was made from Adam's rib. He says the proposition is ridiculous, and while it may have been well enough to teach it in the dim and distant past, we ought to be ashamed of ourselves for sticking to the "superstition."

If our own idea or belief of the origin of woman is a superstition, then it is quite as good a superstition as other people have, says the Columbus Dispatch. For ours is not the only theory of the origin of woman. Many other people have many other theories or superstitions.

The Australian natives believe that woman was once a toad—and that isn't very nice. If it is true, however, it shows what a wonderful creature the toad was transformed into and we can rejoice thereat. Then the Laplanders believe that woman was once a rabbit, and since a rabbit is more likable than a toad, we prefer the Lapland superstition to the Australian.

The Japanese believe that woman grew upon a tree—and that is getting along still better. The feathery blossoms of the trees, with their color and their perfume, seem more nearly approaching the realm of womanhood than do rabbits or toads.

But if ever we are compelled to give up our idea that woman was made from the rib of man, we are going to accept the Persian theory. That is by all odds the prettiest one, and the one we could more easily believe than any other. The Persians assert that woman fell from heaven.

LEAVE WORRIES AT OFFICE

Men Who Deal Successfully With Big Problems Know When to Forget All About Them.

"When I leave my office at night," said a man who has made a reputation for dealing successfully with big problems, according to the New Success, "I take no business worries with me, because I want to come back in the morning at the top of my condition, capable of doing the biggest day's work that is possible for me."

"If I were to worry over things at night, if I didn't get recreation and rest, I couldn't do a man's work; I couldn't tackle big propositions. "No man can take his troubles to bed with him and lie awake thinking of them when he should be getting refreshing sleep to re-enforce him to handle big things the next day. Buoyancy, enthusiasm, mental harmony, are the very essence of efficiency, of creative ability; and worry destroys all of these, so I absolutely refuse to worry in any circumstances."

"I won't waste my energy and my creative power lying awake nights worrying over things. I know that I can deal efficiently with them next day, and not till then. Now this is what all men of large vision and practical horse-sense do. They don't drag harassing problems home with them after their day's work is done; they lock them in their place of business. Over the door of their home is written in mental characters:

"No worrying here. This is my refreshing station, my repair shop. This is where I equip myself for the next day's run. This is where I renew my spirit, my enthusiasm, my zest. Here is where I brace up my sagging ambition and get ready for tomorrow's run."

Proof of Convexity.

The proof of the convexity of the earth is numerous and simple. If, standing on the seashore, in a clear day, we view a ship leaving the coast in any direction, the hull or body of the vessel first disappears; afterwards the rigging, and lastly the top of the highest mast vanishes from sight. Navigators have sailed around the earth. Among the earliest of these was the famous English sailor, Sir Francis Drake, who sailed from Plymouth, England, on December 13, 1577, and arrived at the same place on September 26, 1580. Many other early navigators, by sailing in a westerly direction, arrived at the country they sailed from. The form of the earth's shadow, as seen upon the moon in an eclipse, indicates the globular figure of the earth, and the consequent convexity of its surface.

The ancient proverb, "Shoemaker, stick to thy last," is said to have originated in ancient Greece. The artist Apelles painted his pictures and placed them by the wayside to hear the comments of passers-by. On one occasion he heard a shoemaker criticize a shoe in his picture as faulty, and he corrected the error. But when the shoemaker, noting that his advice had been accepted, criticised the drawing of the leg. Apelles was forced to cry out, "Shoemaker, stick to thy last," that is, you may criticize in your own department, but not otherwise.

A Scriptural Bull.

Even the Bible is not free from bulls. In chapter thirty-seven of the book of Isaiah appears the following confusion of ideas: "Then the angel of the Lord went forth, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians, a hundred and four score and five thousand; and when they arose early in the morning behold, they were all dead corpses."

WANT ADS

FOR SALE—Mercantile brick building located between Sixth and Seventh streets, Fallowfield Ave., Charleroi. Inquire E. J. Charles. Charleroi Savings and Trust Realty Dept. 149-1f

FOR SALE—Farm consisting of sixteen acres with six roomed house, good out buildings, including all stock and machinery and also four acres of coal on Monessen Brick Road. A. L. Dubinsky, Charleroi, Pa. 151tf

FOR SALE—To remove two buildings on Washington avenue and those interested may see S. L. Dubinsky, 413 Fallowfield avenue. 184-1f

FOR SALE—Victrola and about twenty records for \$25. Inquire 191 Mail office. 191tfp

FOR SALE—Roadsters. One six cylinder Oakland, newly painted, new top and side curtains, good tires, good machinery \$450. One Hummobile, model H, new top and side curtains \$125. Charleroi Auto Painting and Trimming Co., 621 McKean avenue. 191tfp

FOR SALE—Four room house on Meadow avenue, lot 40x125. Large stable with stalls for eight cows. Also seven cows. Will sell house or stock separately if desired. Selling on account of health. Inquire 1018 Meadow avenue. Adolph Rehula. 192-4f

FOR RENT—Two nicely furnished connecting rooms for light house-keeping. Will be vacant about February 1. Inquire 194 Mail office. 191-1fp

FOR RENT—One furnished and two unfurnished rooms. Inquire 623 Lincoln avenue. 192-2fp

Wanted—Active men and women wanted to represent us in Charleroi, to sell McKeesport Gas stock. Liberal commissions. Address, D. A. Grant, 382 Union Arcade, Pittsburgh, Pa. 191-7f

WANTED—To do dressmaking by French Dress Maker. Alterations, 928 McKean avenue. Phone 106-R. Mrs. Doick. 191-5fp

WANTED—Young girl to assist in hotel work. Arthur Hotel, 535 McKean avenue. 19113

WANTED—Loan of \$1500 for one year. Will give as security five shares in Monessen Trust company. Address 192 Monessen, Pa. 191-4fp

WANTED—Agents, life insurance offers an unlimited field second to no other profession. Those out of employment or holding positions where there is little or no advancement, should give the business a trial. "The Colonial Life Insurance Company, will start you on a fair salary and twenty times on new business. Promotions made within six months to active, reliable men, to staff managers. Apply to E. H. Crosten, Superintendent, room 3, Majestic Theatre, Building. 192-1fp

WANTED—To buy a number of hot bed sash. J. C. Ashton, R. D. No. 1, Belle Vernon, Pa. 19213p

A BARGAIN—4 living rooms, store room and garage, \$1500 stock of groceries, etc. Gasoline pump and Ford Truck. Store doing \$1000 business per month, situated on improved road near Charleroi. A bargain to a quick buyer. \$4200. Bowers & Hall. 186-1f

LOST—One pair diamond set cuff links, Friday evening. Reward if returned to G. W. Clark at Teitelbaums. 19112

LOST—Pair glasses. Return to Mrs. James Dawson 424 Washington avenue and receive reward. 19212p

LOST—Pocketbook between Footers Dye Works and Meadow avenue on Fourth Street. Finder return to Berrymans Store and receive reward. 192-2fp

NOTICE TO OWNERS OF DOGS

Notice is hereby given that constables are required to kill all unlicensed dogs under the provisions of an Act approved July 11th, 1917. P. L. 818, and that licenses are now due and payable at the rate of \$1.75 for a male dog and \$3.50 for a female dog for the year 1920.

J. E. Johnston
J. W. Walker
W. H. Ecker
County Commissioners
J17-30-22

Advertise your wants in the Classified column of The Mail.

Surprising Irregularities of the Human Countenance Are Revealed by the Camera.

In many instances it will be found that a person's features are not at all regular, says London Answers.

When photographed with only one side of the face showing, for instance, it is sometimes surprising how unlike the person the result appears to be. The cheek on one side will, in a number of cases, prove to be more rounded than the opposite one, while the difference in the ears is often remarkable.

If an upright line were drawn through the center of the face, marked variations would be seen. The forehead on one side would sometimes look higher than the other.

The eyebrows as well differ in length, and on one side perhaps their curve would be greater than on the opposite side. The right eye in a number of cases will be not only a little larger, but also the color will vary in shade. The top lids, too, will differ materially—the bottom lids being more noticeable in their unlikeliness.

Then the mouth has its irregularities. The movements of the under lip on one side are in direct contrast to the other, and this is noticed when a person is speaking.

The nose likewise is not alike both sides, and a careful study will discover a difference in the nostrils. Sometimes one is larger than the other, and by putting a ruler across the face just under the nose, and scrutinizing the top of the face, these variations will be seen.

REAL USE FOR "BEST MAN"

In Other Times, He Was Not, as Today, Merely a Lay Figure at the Wedding.

An outcome of the primitive procedure of seizing another man's bride at the altar was the comparatively recent custom in Sweden that marriage take place only after dark. The early Scandinavian idea was that it was not dignified for a warrior to woo a woman. Therefore he waited until she had been successfully courted by another, and then, when the marriage was about to take place, he appeared with his companions to carry off the bride.

Knowing the danger, a prospective bridegroom took measures to prevent his prize from being snatched away from him at the eleventh hour. Behind the altar of an ancient church at Husaby, Gothland, is an old collection of long lances, with sockets for torches, which illustrates the methods of defense resorted to. These were supplied to the groomsmen to furnish protection as well as illumination for the ceremony.

All these groomsmen were called "best men" because they were the most powerful of the bridegroom's friends. But there was one special "best man" to protect his friend's bride, as he would help him steal another's. And it is in this capacity of protection rather than as accessory before the fact that the best man has come down through time and stands up at your wedding today.

Birds' Island Refuge.

On the west coast of Newfoundland stands an island, with perpendicular rocky sides, rising nearly 400 feet out of the sea. It is about three acres in area at the top. It seems to have been cleft from the mainland and is safely beyond reach of duck shot. Late in April the gulls come to the island in hundreds of thousands; and some fine morning, when the snow has disappeared from the top, they rise in a compact body flying fully a thousand feet in the air, then lowering and circling for half an hour around and around the top of the island, darkening the ground with the shadow of their wings, then settling on the top and turning the white, lime-stained surface a shining black. Once settled they will not leave the island in a body till the last of June, unless a snowstorm comes. Then they take to the sea again until the snow has melted from their nesting place.

I told you a little while ago about the fruitarian pup, which ate apples and bananas and pineapple, and whose owner was only waiting for the strawberry season. I hear now that the pup's passion for strawberries is almost incredible, except to those who have seen him quivering with anticipation when the fruit comes on the table. When offered a piece of meat and a strawberry, he takes the latter without any hesitation; and he does not ask for cream or sugar. Indeed, his fondness for the fruit has proved his undoing; and at present he is not only in disgrace for clambering on the table and stealing strawberries from a bowl, but he is also a little unwell. —London Express.

Dish Centuries Old.

John H. Lancaster of Skowhegan has lately secured a most desirable acquisition to his collection of antiques in the form of a pewter platter. This old-fashioned household article was brought over in the Mayflower in 1620 by Martha Parker. It had belonged to her great-grandmother, which indicates that it was in existence five generations back of 1820. The dish is circular and measures 15 inches across. It is considerably scarred, but has borne the ravages of time exceedingly well. —Portland (Me.) Press.

Condensation Nuisance Ended.

The condensation upon cold water pipes which is exposed is an annoyance which has been experienced in a great many industrial plants and some domestic establishments. The condensation has been practically eliminated by a well-known water company by a method of treating the pipes with a coating of paint and a layer of ground or pulverized cork. Only on very damp days is there a slight condensation since the pipes have been given this treatment. The pipe is first painted with ordinary paint and then a coat of special cork cement paint is applied. Before the cement paint dries a layer of dry granulated cork is applied by hand to the wet paint. Another coat of cement paint is put on top of the granulated cork and a final coat of ordinary paint is used to give the finished pipe any desired color.

Ants That Plant.

A species of ants living on the semi-arid plains of Texas cultivates areas of grass about their dwellings. On the cultivated space, which may have an area of ten to fifteen feet, only one kind of grass is allowed to grow, and it is said that the seeds of this grass are planted by the ants. Roads are laid out regularly, radiating from the hill across the plain, and the shoots of undesirable plants are promptly nibbled off as fast as they appear among the crops. When the harvest of the protected grass is ripe the ants collect the seeds and convey them along a radiating highway to the little rooms in their hills. Interesting and wonderful is the economy of these tiny insects. They may, when the colonies are large and numerous enough, do considerable damage to grain in fields where their mounds are reared and the clearings made. —Brooklyn Eagle.

When Elephants Trumpet.

An elephant rushing upon an assailant trumpets loudly with fury. Fear is similarly expressed in a shrill, brassy trumpet or by a roar from the lungs, pleasure by a continued low squealing through the trunk or by an almost inaudible purring sound from the throat. A peculiar sound is made use of by elephants to express dislike or apprehension, and at the same time to intimidate, as when the cause of some alarm has not been clearly ascertained. It is produced by rapping the end of the trunk smartly on the ground, a current of air hitherto retained being sharply emitted through the trunk, as from a valve, at the moment of impact. The sound made resembles that of a large sheet of tin being doubled.

The Spanish Main.

The Spanish main, in song and story, is the name of the waters along the coastline of South America. In the days when the name applied, the South American waters bore the ships of Spain and were under the rule of Spain. The name was popularly given by English voyagers in the 16th and 17th centuries to that portion of the coast which lies between the Orinoco river and the Isthmus of Darien (now the Isthmus of Panama), and also to the Spanish provinces of Central America bordering on the Caribbean sea. The expression Spanish main is also used to denote the Caribbean sea itself, especially in connection with the buccaners who infested those waters.

Work of Early Missionary.

The first known European to travel along the Gila river route from the friendly Papago settlement, near the present site of Tucson, was a Jesuit priest, Eusebio Kino, not a Spaniard, but a German by birth, of the family name of Kuhn. He established a chain of missions or visitas down the Santa Cruz river and then down the Gila, among the Papago, Pima, Cocoma, and Yuma tribes. This was between 1692 and 1710, and though it is recorded that during his life he baptized more than 48,000 Indians, none of his religious establishments along the Gila endured.

Dante is by all odds the greatest genius Italy has produced. He stands with Homer and Milton as one of the greatest triumvirate of colossal imaginations that have come upon the earth. By what rule these men of transcendent imagination and genius lived, moved and had their being we know not. They seemed to rise from the shadows and they went in the mist, leaving behind them their masterpieces of imagination, which, when we read, it would seem as if they were veritable fallen gods who remembered heaven.

Embroidery an Old Art.

The art of embroidery has been practiced from time immemorial—it is said to be as old as the art of dressing. The mummy clothes of ancient Egypt show the earliest extant embroidery, and the "pomegranates of blue and purple and scarlet" of the Book of Exodus were of embroidery. The art reached its height in the early middle ages. In Greece and Rome, laws were made to moderate its use, but without success.

Ignorance in Russia.

There seems little doubt that, with the exception of one or two of the Balkan states, Russia is the most illiterate country in Europe, over 60 per cent of the inhabitants being unable to read or write. Yet the capital has the largest university in the world.

Find Measurement for Sound.

Sound, though seemingly a very definite manifestation of activity, is peculiar among physical phenomena for its lack of units or means of measurement. An American physicist has finally arrived at a method of expressing sound values in watts, making absolute measurements with new and rather complex apparatus. A standard source of sound, called a "phone," is made adjustable in tone by changing the volume of the resonator and the tension of wires supporting a mica diaphragm. —From the December Popular Mechanics Magazine.

Their Appearance.

"It is remarkable," philosophically said Old Codger, "that the man who does not know much of anything and knows that little all askew, usually assumes the tone and attitude of one who knows everything and is aware that when he departs this life wisdom will die with him. This appearance is most often found in horse doctors, grocery store sales and trifling sons-in-law, such as mine." —Country Gentlemen.

Gairfowl Once Valuable Bird.

Off the coast of Newfoundland lies a group of islands called the Funks. Here in the beginning of the last century the gairfowl, with its short, abortive wings, resorted in hundreds and hundreds of thousands to breed. Its feathers were soft and fine. Beneath the feathers was a thick coating of valuable down, and its flesh, after the bird had been soaked, was extremely palatable.

Marmot Skins in Demand.

A large business is done in Manchurian marmot skins. The marmot is very much like a woodchuck, but it possesses a finer coat than does our woodchuck. Thousands of these skins are shipped from ports in northern Manchuria by parcel post through the Japanese post office, but skins of the cheaper grade are forwarded by freight in the usual way.

High Prices During Civil War.

The cost of staples were extremely high during the four years of the Civil war, and a decline in prices began to set in in 1866 and 1867. The following are the prices of staples which prevailed in 1867: Coal, \$3.50 per ton; flour, \$11.25 per barrel; sugar, 14 cents a pound; butter, 46 cents per pound; fresh beef, 16½ cents per pound; eggs, 42 cents per dozen.

Imparting Information.

The little boy across the way came in to call on me when I was baking doughnuts. He informed me his mother made doughnuts, too. After a silence he said: "She lets me eat only three when she bakes them." After another silence he added: "She didn't bake any this week yet." —Chicago American.

Early Insurance Company.

Fire insurance originated in its modern form immediately after the great fire of London in 1666. In 1696 the Hand in Hand—probably the oldest fire insurance company in the world and certainly the oldest in Great Britain—was established on the mutual principle.

Food Value of Oatmeal.

The value of oatmeal as a human food is established by Drs. H. C. Sherman, J. C. Winters and V. Phillips in the Journal of Biological Chemistry. But it needs milk in addition, and the two together can furnish a man with all the protein he needs.

Poor Places for Pictures.

The Corcoran art gallery says that it is harmful to an oil painting to hang it near a window where it will be exposed to the sun, or to be hung near a stove or radiator, as all heat agencies tend to dry the oil and make the painting crack.

Virtue Ascribed to Laurel.

According to an old tradition laurel communicates the spirit of poetry and prophecy. Hence the custom of putting laurel leaves under one's pillow to acquire inspiration.

All Alaskan cities have their own schools, and in addition there are 68 schools for natives, under the jurisdiction of the bureau of education of the interior department.

Inherited Characteristic.

As a general thing the kind of mother who enjoys a midnight supper downtown gets mad when the baby wants to eat as soon as she reaches home. —Dallas News.

From Marsh to Health Resort.

Acerra, Italy, is now a famous health resort. Not many years ago, before the marshes were drained, it was extremely unhealthful.

Had the Idea, All Right.

Teacher asked Gertrude if she knew the difference between "man" and "men." "A man is one man and men is a lot of men," was the child's reply.

China's Alphabet.

An alphabet of thirty-nine letters, instead of thousands of characters, has been invented for the Chinese language.

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Hackett and Barrientos in Exquisite Rigoletto Love Duet

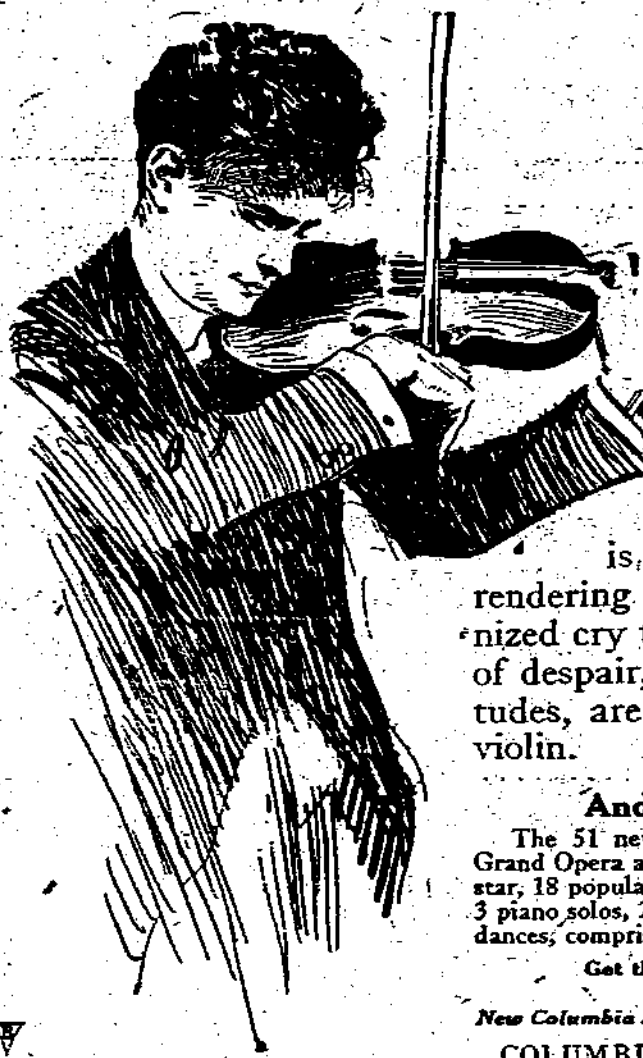
These exclusive Columbia artists make a marvelous vocal combination in "E il Sol dell'Anima," the matchless duet of the Duke and Gilda from Verdi's *Rigoletto*. His seductive pleading and her response make this the supreme love aria of one of the greatest of all operas.

49616—\$2.00

Grainger Sparkles in "Polish Dance"

That enticing melodious mixture of blitheness and pathos, Scharwenka's "Polish Dance in E Flat Minor," ripples forth alluringly under Percy Grainger's lightsome touch. On the reverse this exclusive Columbia artist renders that popular favorite by Grieg, "To the Springtime," and his own sailor's chantey, "One More Day, My John."

A-6128—\$1.50



Seidel's Violin Sobs "Eili, Eili"

A marvelous feat of musicianship is this exclusive Columbia artist's rendering of "Eili, Eili," that age-old agonized cry to heaven. Actually human cries of despair, the wailing and sobs of multitudes, are in the tones of Toscha Seidel's violin.

49526—\$1.50

And 46 Other Great Selections

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MORE THAN GREAT PAINTER

Gustave Dore is Declared to Have Been an Accomplished Player on the Violin.

Gustave Dore (the painter) was said to be famous on the violin, and his claims to consideration were far from inconsiderable. He had acquired a valuable instrument, on which he used to play Berlioz's concertos with a really extraordinary facility and spirit. These superficial works were enough for his musical powers. The surprising thing about his execution was that he never worked at it. If he could not get a thing at once, he gave it up for good and all.

We lived in the same quarter and visited each other frequently. As we almost never were of the same opinion about anything, we had interminable arguments, entirely free from rancor, which we thoroughly enjoyed. I have seen him painting away on thirty canvases at the same time in his immense studio. Three seriously studied pictures would have been worth more.

At heart this great, overgrown, jovial boy was melancholy and sensitive. He died young of heart disease, aggravated by grief over the death of his mother, from whom he had never been separated. I dedicated a slight piece written for the violin to Dore. It would be entirely unknown had not Johannes Wolf, the violinist of queens and empresses, done me the favor of placing it in his repertory and bringing his fine talent to its aid.—"Anecdotes," by Saint-Saens.

WHERE PEDDLER IS SUPREME

In Lithuania People Almost Everywhere Are Dependent on the Traveling "Merchant."

The peddler, who has almost disappeared entirely in American farming communities, is still a very important institution in Lithuania. His outfit there is a veritable department store. His customers are dependent upon him for nearly everything they do not raise or make upon their own farms. There are not even any mail-order houses to encroach upon his wide domain.

Everything the peasant home in Lithuania is not able to produce must be brought many miles. Railroads are few. And so, through the peddlers, with their surprisingly varied stock in trade, Lithuanian mothers do their own shopping at their own doorsteps. These peddlers come to the peasant's cottage with linen goods, fancy cloth for dresses, handkerchiefs, aprons, combs and brushes, stationery, trinkets, hardware, household utensils, sugar, salt, soap and even shoe blacking.

If cash is to be had, the peddlers accept it readily, but they are just as ready to barter soap for some home-made linen, or sugar for native needlework.

Grand Pre.

The Evangeline district of Nova Scotia is best seen by driving out from the town of Wolfville, which stands on the southern shores of Minas Basin. A drive of from ten to twelve miles will give the visitor a fair idea of the whole countryside. Passing over a ridge near the town, the visitor comes to the Gaspereau valley and the lake that gives the valley its name. Gaspereaux is the French name of alewives, a kind of herring which abound in these waters. On all sides are orchards and off to the left at the foot of a small ridge is the hamlet of Grand Pre. The site of the old French village, close to the railway station, is marked by a clump of willows, an old well, and the cellars of a few cottages. From this point the visitor may drive to the north, across the expanse of fertile dyked meadow that gave name to the village.

Mary A. Livermore was born in Boston, Mass., Dec. 19, 1821. She was not more than 11 or 12 years old when she conceived the idea of helping her parents by some definite occupation. She learned to sew, and made flannel shirts at 64 cents apiece. Regarded by the pastor of her church as a prodigy, at the age of 14 she was sent by him to the Charlestown Female seminary, where she soon ranked with the best scholars the institution ever had. At the age of 20 she was placed in charge of the Duxbury high school, Mass., a position of unusual rank for a woman at that time. With the outbreak of the Civil war in 1861 she became an organizer in woman's war work. In 1863 she made her first public address at Dubuque, Iowa. Her wonderful talents as an orator were immediately recognized, and her fame as a speaker soon became nation-wide.

Pupil Used His Head.

The youngest instructor was surprised and angry. "Why aren't you working out the sum—you've got a pen and paper, haven't you?" he demanded.

The pupil replied that he supposed the only thing required was the answer, and he had furnished it, and so saved paper.

"Yes, but where did you get the answer from—who told you?" he was asked by the puzzled instructor. "I did it in my head," he was assured.

"Oh, that's simply Frank!" retorted his master. But in course of time he found that his "pupil" did know something of the matter in hand—and promoted him. "You shall read out the sum to the rest," he said.—London Chronicle.

Pumpkin Is American.

The native country of the pumpkin is disputed, but there is good reason to believe that it is indigenous to America. The common field pumpkin was much used for food in New England before the introduction of improved varieties or of the more edible squashes, being made into pies, or baked, the seeds and stringy matter having been removed. For winter use it was cut into strips and dried in the sun or in a warm room. At present it is mainly used to feed farm animals, which eat it with avidity, though the seeds, being diuretic in their action, need first to be removed. This variety is of a rich, orange yellow color, shaped round with flattened ends, averaging about fourteen inches long by twelve inches wide. The flesh is yellow, generally coarse grained, and often stringy, yet still esteemed by many above the improved varieties for making the favorite pumpkin pie.

Telling the Time by Cat's Eyes.

In various parts of Turkey the watch and the clock are extremely rare, but the natives have an exceedingly ingenious way of approximating the time, and some of them hit it with considerable accuracy. They locate two cardinal points of the compass, and then folding their hands together in such a manner that the forefingers point upward and in opposite directions, they observe the shadow cast. In the morning or the evening, at certain known hours one finger or the other will point directly to the sun. A comparison of the two shadows will determine the hours between. Another system followed in Turkey and some other countries of the Orient is to observe the eyes of a cat. Early in the morning and evening the pupils are round. At 9 and 3 o'clock they are oval, and at noon they consist of a narrow slit.

Decided by Ancient Law.

A decision which depended on a law 1,400 years old was given in the county court at Bath, England, when Judge James had to rule whether or not the owner of bees which leave their hive and swarm some distance away is entitled to regard them as his property. James Barstone claimed damages from Herbert Rummage, a neighbor, for a swarm of bees which Rummage is alleged to have seized. The judge said it had been clear for hundreds of years, under a law laid down by the Emperor Justinian, that a swarm of bees belonged to a man as long as they were in his sight, and could easily be pursued. Otherwise they became the property of the first person who saw them. The law, he said, was just as it was hundreds of years ago and he decided for the defendant.

Her Name a Byword.

Free will and conscience reside in every human being, older than the tablets of Sinai. The gorgeous Messalina chose the path that leads to the abyss. She was the third wife of the weak Emperor Claudius (A. D. 41), having been his concubine before her marriage to him. She ruled the flaccid creature, profligate, licentious, smooth cheeked and cruel, she obliterated whole families of noble Romans. Her charms, arts and threats disposed of whole provinces, nay of legions, the Roman legions! "I am the senate," said Messalina. But the climax came. Caught in a lawless intrigue with a Roman youth, she was dispatched by the knife of a tribune of the guard in the gardens of Lucullus.

Additions to Gulf Stream.

The gulf stream would be little felt on the coast of Europe did it not receive a great addition to its volume of heat when en route. This is by means of a gentle flow from the northeast trade wind current that passes outside the Caribbean islands and the Bahamas. The surface temperature of this outside current is about the same in its passage along the West Indian Islands as the gulf stream, in the Straits of Florida, but it is less violent in its movement and there is less intermingling of its upper and lower waters, so that it arrives off Cape Hatteras with a much higher temperature than that of the more turbulent gulf stream.

A "constant reader" asks the question: "Is it proper to call the American cent a penny, and if so, why?" The Century and Standard dictionaries both admit that a cent is sometimes called a penny, but both classify that usage as "colloquial." Usage, even if colloquial—and usage roots in conversation—is a valid authority in forms of language. Nobody can say that to call a cent a penny is misleading, but since the word cent is exact, it is always preferable to the word penny, which is an analogy, and thus inferior to the real name of the thing in mind.—New York Evening Sun.

High Priest Was Slow.

Probably it annoys you, too, to hear some one's telephone ringing and nobody making any move toward answering it. In the opera, "Aida," recently, one of the scenes was laid "in front of the temple of Isis." At the close of the scene the curtain signal was given with a bell buzzer which was heard all over the house. The operator of the curtain was evidently slow in answering, for the bell continued to ring, and a woman in the audience said: "The telephone in the temple is ringing—why in the world doesn't the high priest go in and answer it?"—Kansas City Star.

The Chinchilla.

The chinchilla, the South American animal that produces the expensive fur of the same name, has become exceedingly rare. The finest fur-bearing species, according to Country Life, inhabits the higher Andes, from the south of Chile to the north of Bolivia. Some years ago chinchillas were plentiful, but owing to the enormous demand for the fur and the reckless way in which the Indians killed them there are now few left. The Peruvian government has passed a law that prohibits for five years the killing of chinchillas and the exporting of their skins. The chinchilla is a rock squirrel, about the size and shape of a large guinea pig, but with large ears and a long bushy tail. The fur is of a clear gray, and is extremely thick and soft.—Youth's Companion.

"Switzerland of South Africa."

Basutoland is hill country and so pleasing in its general aspects that it has been called "the Switzerland of South Africa." One of the famous cascades there has a sheer fall of 600 feet. Seasons are clearly marked and the climate is invigorating, the annual mean temperature being about 60 degrees. In winter the climate is clear, cold and bracing and the hills are capped with snow; and the heat of summer is tempered by cool breezes. The dampness and fog characteristic of England are unknown in Basutoland and the sort of cold the visitors have met, while not marking extreme variation from temperature to which they are accustomed at home, has proved marrow-searching to them.

Pie for 3,000 Persons.

In the village of Denby Vale, in Yorkshire, England, it has been the custom to celebrate an national event by the baking of an enormous Yorkshire pie for the villagers and those coming from all the countryside around. In 1788 the first pie was baked to celebrate the return to health of King George III; the second was made at the conclusion of peace between England and France in 1815; the last and largest of all was baked in the year 1887 for the Victoria jubilee. This enormous pie weighed two tons and cost about \$1,200. The contents consisted of 600 pounds of beef, a whole calf, and a whole sheep, 650 potatoes and 600 pounds of flour. Three thousand persons partook of it.

Misuse of Words.

The misuse of words in literature of ungoverned and ungovernable sensibility has become so general as to threaten the validity of all definitions. The connection between sign and thing signified has been so severed that it resembles the logic of that eminent master of argumentation of whom it was said "that his premises might be afflicted with the confusant smallpox without his conclusion being in any danger of catching it." Objects are distorted, relations disturbed, language put upon the rack to torment it into intensity and the old composition seems like Tennyson's organizing "groaning for power."—Edwin Percy Whipple.

Skeletons.

The skeleton market of the world is supplied mainly from Paris, where experts of incomparable skill in this time prepare the bony systems of all kinds of animals for museums and other purposes. Anything from a frog to a hippopotamus. For use by the student of comparative anatomy, the skeletons are mounted with the bones disjointed and separate, yet so wired together as to make a complete whole. Skulls dealt with in this way are taken to pieces by the simple device of filling them with dried peas, which are thereupon saturated with water. The swelling of the peas does the work more delicately than human hands could do it.

Feeding the Mule.

One Sunday morning three couples went for a ride in the country. We got out all right, but on the way back we had engine trouble. While the men worked on the engine the girls gathered flowers and hay to decorate the car. When we again got started we could not drive more than 12 miles an hour or the engine would stop. When we got in the city we noticed people watching and laughing at us. We thought it was because we were going so slow, but when we looked back we thought differently. A mule was following us, obeying the hay from the back of the car.—Chicago Tribune.

When a man is sick if he shall find in the house of the hospital a solemn nurse addicted to reading Gibbon and John Bunyan instead of Joe Miller's Joke Book and Mr. Dooley, he will grow steadily worse and the chances are that he will almost die before he gets well. A cheerful nurse with a laugh like running water, and eyes that dance, and a turn-up nose, is the greatest invention of the age in which we live.—Los Angeles Times.

Tree That Produces Oil.

The Chinese wood oil tree commences to bear fruit when four or five years old. The fruits are the size of small apples, and contain from two to eight large oily seeds that are reported to be poisonous, and should not be eaten. The value of this tree lies in the fact that the nuts contain one of the best drying oils, called wood or tung oil.

Well-Preserved Water Pipes.

Wooden water pipes that were used from the time of the Revolution until the fire of 1872 to carry water into Boston have lately been unearthed and are found to be in a good state of preservation. A coil of the date 1803 in an almost perfect condition was found near one of the pipes, establishing, it would seem, the date at which the pipe was laid.

Surely a Great Man.

Henry had just started to school and was filled with the patriotic spirit of the times, as well as kindergarten wisdom. "Was Francis Scott Key a great man?" he asked one day of the folks at home. "I think he was, why?" "Cause I think a fellow that writes a song what everyone has to stand up to, must be a great man."

London's Rapid Growth.

Paris was the largest city in the world for several hundred years until about the end of the seventeenth century, when London overtook it. The population in Paris in 1690 was 500,000, while London had reached 530,000, the latter figure showing the rapid growth of trade and commerce during the Tudor period.

Sale of Apples Barred.

In the sixteenth century there was a curious law in England whereby street peddlers were forbidden to sell plums and apples, for the reason that servants and apprentices were unable to resist the sight of them and were constantly tempted to steal their employers' money in order to enjoy the costly delicacies.

Did She Mean Just That?

"I want you to forget that I told you I didn't mean what I said about not taking back my refusal to change my mind. I've been thinking it over, and I've decided that I was wrong in the first place." The Man—"You don't really mean that, do you, Dolly?"—London Mail.

Scored a Success.

My four-year-old nephew was perfectly delighted with his grandfather's car and always cranked all his toys, and even himself, when sent on errands. He is particularly interested in anything mechanical and never misses any such conversation. One day he cranked the cat's tail, and was delighted when it turned and spat at him, for, he said, "There, I got an explosion that time."—Chicago American.

Paying Federal Officials.

The president of the United States is paid by settlement warrant, which is practically the same as a check. This warrant is sent to him by messenger from the treasury twice a month. Senators and representatives are paid either by check or cash as they personally desire through congressional disbursement checks. When they are paid in cash they receive crisp, new bills, as does nearly every one who lives in Washington.

Business of Criticism.

Its business is simply to know the best that is known and thought in the world, and, by its turn making this known, to create a current of true and fresh ideas. Its business is to do this with inflexible honesty, with due ability; but its business is to do no more, and to leave alone all questions of practical consequences and applications—questions which will never fail to have due prominence given to them.—Matthew Arnold.

First Iron Works.

Plymouth was the first permanent white settlement in New England and dates its founding from the landing of the Pilgrims, December 21, 1620. The iron works on the banks of the Saugus river, established in 1643, were the first iron works in America. A small iron pot cast there in the first forge in America is now the property of the city of Lynn and is in a glass case in the Lynn public library.



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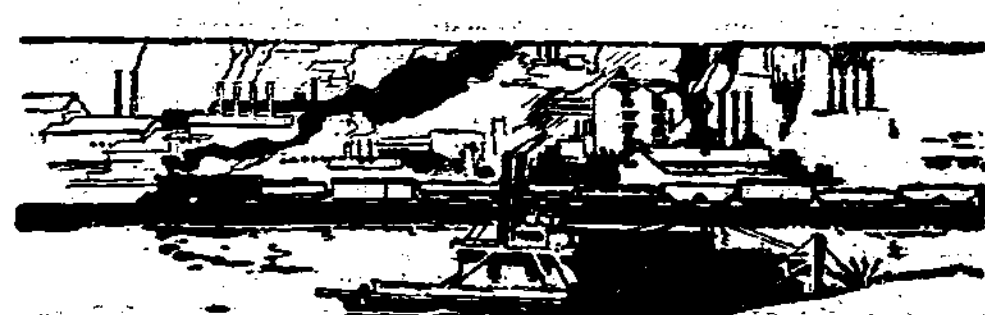
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TWO CENTS

COST OF DIVORCES LIKELY TO FOLLOW THE COST OF LIVING

Attorneys Ask Court To Increase Fees In All Such Cases

DIVORCE CASES INCREASING

Along with the high cost of living is likely to come the high cost of divorces, Attorneys of the Washington county bar believe the fees connected with all these cases and which has been at the modest rate of \$10, is not sufficient to compensate them for the time and worry which they are required to spend in looking after the interest of their clients.

In order to bring about a change in this important matter a committee from the county bar, composed of Attorneys Paul A. A. Core, James M. McBurney and Harry A. Jones, appeared in court at Washington on Monday and discussed the matter with Judge McIlvaine. A suggestion that open hearings be had before the court was opposed by Judge McIlvaine for a number of reasons. In the first place he held it was against public morals and in the second place the court does not have the time. The number of divorces has increased until there are almost as many heard as there are criminal cases at a term.

Judge McIlvaine suggested a solution of the matter, the appointment of a permanent master at a state salary. He would take the testimony in all cases and submit the case to the court as at present. Judge McIlvaine stated that when he went to the bench 39 years ago there were but two or three divorce cases. Each term now there are over thirty. Last year there were 1,068 marriage licenses issued and almost 125 divorces were granted. One member of the committee stated that he knew of one libel in divorce pending before court which is the third this same man has filed, having been granted divorces on two previous occasions. The matter was taken under consideration by the court and something will be done.

NO APPOINTMENT FOR SEVERAL DAYS YET

No appointment will be made for several days yet of an assistant district attorney to succeed Attorney T. H. W. Fergus, whose death occurred last Friday. The death of Mr. Fergus came so suddenly that Mr. Cummings has not had time to consider any appointment. Out of respect to his late assistant it is not likely that a successor will be named before some time next week. Mr. Fergus was well into the work of preparing cases for the grand jury and his sudden death places a lot of additional work on the district attorney as the meeting of the grand jury is but two weeks away.

Mrs. M. H. Rhone of Meadow avenue, who was a patient at the Allegheny General Hospital for the past six weeks, has returned home.

DONORA HAS CASE OF SLEEPING SICKNESS

Donora had a death last week from what is believed to have been sleeping sickness. The victim was Mrs. Paul Danko, who became ill one day while washing. For four days and nights she could not sleep and then immediately following appeared to fall into a stupor and in which she remained for a period of nine days. At the end of that time the woman died. The victim had suffered from the flu in the fall of 1918, but whether this had anything to do with the strange malady is hard to determine.

FINES PLACED ON CRAP SHOOTERS

Burgess Woodward had a busy session of municipal court last evening, at which time eleven offenders were cited to appear for violating borough ordinances and for being drunk and disorderly on the streets.

The first cases to take his attention were the crap shooters arrested at the old Imperial glass plant Sunday afternoon. All of the defendants arrested had posted a forfeit of \$10 for their appearance and this they permitted to go to the borough rather than appear and stand a hearing. They were Wm. Pro, Joseph Pro, Pete Kalickey, Ben Kiefer, George Coulston, Frank Smelovsk, John Chasko and Charles Nots. In addition there were a number of boys who were taken in the raid, who will be given a hearing before the juvenile court committee this evening. The man said to be the leader of the crap shooters, who was brought in after the hearings were over, at first denied his guilt, saying he was at work in the factory. The Burgess then told him to make a deposit of \$10 for a hearing this evening and if he was found guilty he would be dealt with more severely than the others. The man finally admitted he was in the party and the Burgess fined him \$15 and costs.

The two men arrested for being drunk and shooting on the streets, Andy Bronsloth and Consolotio Lurgi, both of Stockdale, were also given a hearing and fined \$25 and costs. Marianno Rotto, at whose house they claim to have bought the booze, was let off with a fine of \$5 and costs. "Patsy," who was shot in the knee, was not present for a hearing.

CHARLEROI MAN IS CHAIRMAN FOR DANCE

The Pan-Hellenic council of W. & J. college has decided upon February 13 as the date for the annual Pan-Hellenic formal dance to be given this year in the Washington armory. E. O. Dorbritz of Charleroi, representing the Delta Tau Delta, is chairman of the committee in charge of the arrangements.

Monessen Board Of Trade Has A Very Ambitious Program

The Monessen Board of Trade, at its regular meeting held on Friday night, decided to give its moral support to a number of projects which were outlined by the new President, Mr. Reese, and which, if they are realized, will add greatly to the comfort and convenience of the people of that borough. These projects are five in number and as outlined by the President, are:

First, the extension of the Third street sewer, and annexation of outlying districts. By the extension of the sewer a large section of territory will be available for building purposes; it will also permit the borough to take care of a great deal of surplus water which has heretofore caused great damage in that section of the town.

The second proposition is a community hotel, in which it is proposed to have built a hotel which will be large enough to meet all the requirements, as at the present time it is impossible to get such accommodations in that town.

The third is a public comfort station for the convenience of the public.

Fourth, hill top transportation. This problem to be worked out by the development committee of the organization either in the form of a street car line or motor transportation.

The fifth proposition is the Monessen-Donora bridge, with through street car and trolley freight service to Pittsburg. The same project has been endorsed by the Donora Community Service and it is possible some tangible steps will be taken very soon to launch this project. The annual banquet of the Board is planned to take place in February.

BIG BASKET BALL GAME THIS EVENING

The Monongahela High school basketball team is coming to Charleroi tonight in the expectation of taking over the local team in the contest scheduled for this evening. The game will be called at 8 o'clock and every indication points to one of the most closely contested events of the season. The gym should be crowded with spectators, to witness the opening battle between these two teams, which have been strong athletic rivals for a number of years. Monongahela leads in Section IV, Charleroi is apt to put a crimp in their record.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ARE IN HARRISBURG

County Commissioners J. Elmer Johnston, James W. Walker, and W. H. Ecker left for Harrisburg last night where today they will be in conference with the state highway department on the road situation in this county. It was expected that a delegation of citizens would accompany them in the interest of the improvement of the road leading from Monongahela to North Charleroi. This road is of great interest to members of the Monongahela Valley Country Club, whose property is on the line of this improvement.

Governor Coolidge of Massachusetts suggests the idea that "Americans stop their mad rush for money." All right, let the other fellows stop their rushing first.

The principal industry in McKeesport at present time appears to be promoting gas companies. And the infection is spreading.

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FEBRUARY WEDDING TO FOLLOW ENGAGEMENT

Mrs. W. C. Johnson of near Rices Landing, on Saturday last announced the engagement of her cousin, Miss Eva Johnson to Alex Stewart of Charleroi. The bride is the daughter of Thomas Johnson and is a very popular girl in the Rices Landing community. Mr. Stewart is a son of the late Senator and Mrs. Joseph Stewart of Jefferson, Greene county. He recently returned from overseas duty and is now employed in Charleroi. The wedding will take place in February.

CARE OF QUAIL IN WINTER URGED

State Game Commissioner John M. Phillips, of Pittsburg, urges all farmers, Boy Scouts and sportsmen generally to take care of the quail during the severe winter season. It is now practically impossible to buy quail anywhere except in Mexico, Mr. Phillips says, and if there should be a heavy loss this winter the state possibly would not be able to re-stock with young birds next spring. He suggests that where quail is plentiful they should be fed in the open or trapped and kept until spring. The state will reimburse those who feed the birds for whatever they spend. Instructions for trapping and feeding can be obtained from the State Game Commission at Harrisburg.

ADMINISTRATOR IS NAMED DEFENDANT

Wesley Young of Fallowfield township, has brought suit against John S. Boltz, administrator of the estate of Elizabeth M. Boltz, deceased and John S. Boltz, to recover \$985.25. The plaintiff claims that during the lifetime of Elizabeth Boltz he sold livestock, feed, hay and other articles valued at the sum named above.

JUSTICES ADJOURN OUT RESPECT TO MR. FERGUS

The annual meeting of the Washington county justices and aldermen, which was to have been held in Washington on Monday, was adjourned out of respect to the late T. H. W. Fergus. After a very brief session it was decided to adjourn to meet at the call of the chairman.

If the Sheriff of Greene county could feed his prisoners on 10 cents a day, the sum fixed by the county commissioners, he could qualify as an expert on how to reduce the high cost of living.

Dr. Earl Wickerham of Monongahela has been appointed medical inspector for West Bethlehem township schools.

Says There Is a Propaganda That Does Not Believe In Law

CASES TO BE INVESTIGATED

Judge McIlvaine's action in court at Washington on Monday in disposing of pleas of guilty before him in the cases of eight young men of Marianna charged with burglary, refusing them a parole until the probation officer had fully investigated the charges against them, gives notice that the court is drawing the lines tighter on violators of the law. Judge McIlvaine's step, judged by remarks made from the bench, is taken because of the apparent "growing disrespect for the law" in this country, due to a "propaganda that does not believe in law."

The case before the court was that of the commonwealth against a number of young men from Marianna, ranging in years from 18 to 20. They were charged with breaking into and robbing the store of Israel Shalet at Marianna on the night of November 30. They took only a small quantity of goods, including cigarettes and other small stuff. Entrance was effected through a back window. Not all of the young men were in the store, but all were in the crowd and knew of the burglary.

Counsel for the young men made a strong plea for leniency, placing before the court the fact that they had heretofore borne good reputations and stood well in their homes.

Numerous witnesses testified to the good character of the young men and it was stated to the court that it did not appear they were criminals, but what they did was done in thoughtlessness and was more of a freak of boyish mischief. It was stated the boys realized the seriousness of the matter.

Judge McIlvaine sentenced each to pay the costs, fine of \$1 and to undergo imprisonment in the county jail for six months. In the meantime the probation officer was instructed to investigate the facts and the matter of a parole may be considered later.

MUST REMOVE SIGNS ADVERTISING BOOZE

All signs advertising intoxicating beverages must disappear from public view at once, according to an edict issued Monday night by Jas. Shevlin, supervising Federal prohibition agent for New York City, Rhode Island and Connecticut. All whiskey, gin, wine and beer signs must be either pulled down, hidden from the public view or painted out.

Blackburn's Dancing School of Pittsburg, Pa., will give a dance every Tuesday evening in Might's Hall. Class 7 to 8:30. Dancing 8:30. 186-ft.

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